

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

JANUARY 19, 2016

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Ron Jarman, and Dr. John Williams answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Jarman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We have been involved in meetings regarding Brownfield, BEP, and Stellar.
2. Monday we will have a town hall meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Park Restaurant.
3. January 21st at 1:00 p.m. we will meet with Butler Fairman to discuss the options to correct the drainage issues on 16th Street.
4. On February 8th there will be a meeting at 10:00 a.m. to start the process to make a legal drain at Blue Ribbon Estates.
5. On the property for the Rails to Trails there were some strips of property that were isolated and not connected. We have received some comments that the landowners don't want it running through their fields. Pavey asked permission for Newhouse to contact DNR and negotiate with the property owners. Williams made a motion to allow Newhouse to contact DNR to discuss negotiations. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker handed out the 2015 statistics report.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they will be working to take down the old restroom south of the football field in south Veteran's Park.

Park – Park Director Gurley said approximately 23 people attended the public meeting on January 7th for the park master plan.

Lifeguard interviews have been completed. They will begin interviews for the remaining positions after the 27th.

The remodeling has been completed at Booker T.

Gurley said he spoke with Rita Kaster regarding the lockers at the pool. He said they are in bad shape and they have also experienced thefts. He said they are looking at an option to remove the lockers and implement a basket system behind the counter.

Gurley said the acid tank at the pool has caused some deterioration problems. They have also been told that due to the height of the tanks the company will no longer add the chemicals at this level. They are discussing a remedy to the problem with our consultant.

The 1st open gym at the Boys and Girls Club was attended by approximately 15 City employees. The next date for open gym will be the 25th at 8:00 p.m.

Everything has been turned into the consultant for the master plan.

The Valentine dance will be February at BRMS from 6:00–8:00 p.m. We are partnering with the Rush County United Fund. There will be a \$3.00 charge with the proceeds going to the United Fund.

We are waiting on a call from Bowles Construction regarding a start date for the plumbing.

The 4 wheeler was tested on snow removal during the last snow. Gurley will see if any improvements can be made with the snow to arrive tomorrow.

Gurley said he and the Mayor are looking into a program with HWC regarding “Safe Routes to School”. This will provide safety programing and possible grant money for kids who walk to school.

Animal – Animal Warden Moran said Chris Jones has completed his 90 days probation and asked the Board to consider increasing his pay to \$8.00 per hour. McGowan made a motion to increase Jones’ salary to \$8.00 per hour. Jarman seconded his motion. Motion carried.

Moran said she is waiting to receive a report from Buck Creek The intake for 2015 was 651 and 69 were euthanized.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said Samuel Rech has been approved by Perf and will begin January 23rd.

Today the Durbin apartments were assessed for safety.

Jenkins informed the Board that Holman Excavating will begin demolition next week to take down the 1st set of BEP properties. The first to come down is 734 N Morgan.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **211 North Main** - Materials have been ordered.
2. **Waggoner Pool Interior Fixture Upgrade** - We are waiting on a start date from the contractor.
3. **Wage/Benefit Consultant Update** – We are in the process of updating Perf job classifications.
4. **Construction Standards** – The storm water is completed. The roads, curbs, and sidewalks need updated. We need to check with Les Day on the status of the sanitary and water. Mayor Pavey asked Cameron to assist in this endeavor.
5. **Rushville Property Revitalization Program** – Chief Jenkins said 6 residential properties have been appraised. Paperwork was received today on 4 vacant lots. There are a couple of downtown commercial buildings, but we are holding off on the appraisals until we get some repairs done on one of the buildings.
6. **Contracts for City Services – Charitable Organizations** – Cameron made a motion to approve and sign the contracts with the Chamber of Commerce, the Boy's & Girl's Club, and RCVA. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **City Attorney Contract** – Mayor Pavey said he has reviewed notes from Councilman Berkemeier. They will put them in a format for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BEP Awards** – Chief Jenkins said bids were open on January 6 on the 2nd set of properties. Five bids were received with the lowest being \$26,000.0 from Robertson Paving. Williams made a motion to accept the low bid from Robertson Paving. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Engineering Statement of Qualifications–Storm Drainage Project** – There were 3 bids received from HWC, Christopher Burke Engineering, and Wessler. Jarman made a motion to table for review. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **JTL Contract** – Mayor Pavey said he has not yet reviewed the contract.
4. **INDOT Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract (Water Street)** – In order to have repairs done to the end of Morgan/Water Streets, which was considered an unofficial detour, we had to get an appraisal. We sent that appraisal to INDOT. They have

approved it and sent us a contract. Williams made a motion to give Mayor Pavey the authority to sign the contract with INDOT. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Police Department Resignation** – Chief Tucker presented Officer Horton's letter of resignation with his last day being January 22nd, and asking to be paid any remaining benefits. Williams made a motion accept the resignation of Horton and to pay him any benefits that were due. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Employee Job Classifications** – Williams made a motion to approve and update the employee classifications for Perf as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – Jarman said a couple of weeks ago there was a fiber cut, which caused several places to be without service. He said they are In the process of working on a loop so we don't lose power in the future.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Cameron made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.